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Counting News and Things.

Republican Chairman Cooper, of Penn-

sylvania—the "red-headed and hopeful"

of the newspapers of his State—has some

ideas about party fealty in a dry time.

His first thought is that a Republican

office-holder is as much a Republican this

year as he was about this time last year,

when we were burning powder and coal

oil and making brass noise and hurrah-

ing for the Plumed Knight and the Black

Eagle. Mr. Cooper's second and related

thought is, that the Republican office-

holder will not desire to conceal his Re-

publicanism, having the courage of his

convictions even in defeat. Having

thought this much Mr. Cooper concludes

that the Pennsylvania Republican office-

holder, be he at home or in Washington,

will be not only willing but anxious to

contribute to the success of the Repub-

lican cause.

Chairman Cooper is right. Now is a

good time to discover who stands in his

guns and who deserts. The Republicans

who are ducking their heads and lying

low—patrons who bowled for Blaine and

voted for him, but bow with submission

to Cleveland and are cordially in favor of

Democratic Civil Service reform if they

can get a slice of it—ah, these be the fel-

lows to make a note of. Some day, when

Higgins the Avenger desires a novel

amusement, he will load up the Civil

Service Reform bellows and try the ex-

terminating virtues of Persian insect powder.

A Newspaper Without an Editor.

Washington dispatches tell of a weekly

newspaper enterprise soon to be set on

foot in that city. It is the venture of

twenty resident correspondents, each one

of whom is to contribute an article a week

over his own name. The writers are to

choose their own topics, express their own

views, handle men and things in their own

way. There is to be no editor, no one to

say what shall be printed and what left

out; nobody to condense and nobody to

point up or pad out. This is heralded as

a novelty in journalism.

The main feature of the new paper is to

be the absence of an editor. There is

really nothing new in this. The experi-

ment of running a newspaper without an

editor has been made before. At this

moment we have in mind several

newspapers of this character. The new

papers show it. Nobody can be mistaken

in them. There is the substance of a mis-

cellaneous assortment of uninteresting

nothing, the evidence of things shov-

eled in. The single purpose

which animates the well conducted

newspaper, the stamp of the experienced

directing mind, is glaringly wanting.

Everything is sixteens and sevens. For want

of a steady hand at the helm every de-

partment is at sea. The reader appreciates

all this, though he may not be able to

analyze it, and it takes from the pleasure

which he ought to find in his newspaper.

And so we have a newspaper without an

editor, without a controlling motive—ap-

parently without a reason of being—and

therefore without influence.

No, the newspaper without an editor is

not a novelty and is not a success. Those

bright fellows, the Washington corres-

pondents, can devise something better. Per-

haps their scheme has been misander-

stood.

A Sabbath Specimen.

That was a queer performance at Cot-

tagon City, Mass., on Sunday last. After

an spirited controversy not yet ended; af-

ter a long and a woman had given each

other "a piece of their mind"; after the

good people who have charge of the spir-

itual welfare of the Cottage City had

savagely that the performance should not

go on, sixteen hundred people did attend

it.

Nothing short of a considerable pulp-

it attraction draws sixteen hundred people

to a religious meeting. The attraction in

this case was not a particularly devout

man, not a man of extraordinary reason-

ing powers, not a preacher of rare elo-

quence. The thing that drew was a clergy-

man who had been found in a room with

another man's wife, the lights turned down,

the door locked. This single incident gave

him fame. Now everybody knows who

Downs is, and many people are talking

about him. This is how he becomes one

of the lions of the pulpit and can draw

sixteen hundred people in New York City.

Preachers who hope to reach fame by

the way of a moderate sensationalism

are distanced by Downs in a single heat.

Downs dashes ahead and reaches the goal

with no greater labor than an indis-

cretion. This is the way that Beecher

there was a famous Beecher before, but

the step aside towards a Beecher revival,

quicker interest and made him for a

time the greatest attraction on the board.

People don't often flock to hear the

pious, earnest preachers who do nothing

more startling than to preach Christ and

Him crucified.

OFFENSIVE PARTISANS.

W. H. Barnum Visits Washington to Get a

Man Appointed Postmaster.

New York City.

At the request of a certain member of

Congress from one of the New England

States, Mr. William H. Barnum consented

to make with him a call upon the First

Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Hay.

The object of the visit was to secure the

appointment of several long-traveling mem-

bers as postmasters in a number of post-

offices in the State of the Congressman.

Mr. Hay received the chairman of the

Democratic National Committee and the

member of Congress with the same

courtesy and consideration that he was ac-

customed to bestow upon the most hum-

ble citizen. The following conversation

took place:

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London Globe.

Somebody has unearthed an old prophe-

cy for the year 1885 of a decidedly uncom-

fortable nature. It appears that in the

church of Oberemmel, near the city of

Treuer, in Germany, there is a stone lab-

el some centuries old, on which is cut

the prophetic verse—in prose it may be

rendered:

When Mark shall bring us Easter and

Anthony shall sing praises to the Lord,

and John shall the canopy at the feast of

Corpus Domini, then shall the whole

earth resound with weeping and wailings.

Now, it so happens that next year Easter

falls on St. Mark's day, Pentecost on the

feast of St. Anthony of Padua, and the

Corpus Domini comes on St. John the

Baptist's day, June 24. Here, then, are

the first conditions of the prophecy ful-

filled, so that now believers in prophecies

and anxious-minded persons generally

thing disagreeable that can possibly hap-

pen to this poor old planet and the dwel-

lers thereon between January and Decem-

ber, 1885. And, really, if the cyclones and

earthquakes and epidemics, and "was and

rumors of wars" of the years 1882-3-4-5 are

to be realized, the prospect is not an

agreeable one.

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edged to be the biggest and best soap bar.

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